(vii) leasing-in and leasing-out of land will be permitted within the ceiling limits,

(viii) preference to women in the distribution of ceiling surplus land and legal provision for protecting their rights on land.

(d) Does not arise.

Delay in sanction of district Rehabilitation Centres

1369. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission is delaying the sanction of District Rehabilitation Centres as proposed by Welfare Ministry;

(b) the reasons for this delay;

(c) whether any discussions have been held with concerned social workers in the DRC issues by the Planning Commission; and

(d) if so, the details of such discussions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK) : (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No specific discussions were held with the concerned social workers in the DRC issues by the Planning Commission. However. One Dr. Pulla Rao from West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh held discussions with the Officials of the Planning Commission wherein he suggested a model for establishing rehabilitation services at the district level, based on community contribution and participation. In fact, the strategy for rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities proposed in the Ninth Plan is also broadly in conformity with this very same approach.

Details of Pending Projects

1370. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number and details of projects and schemes are pending with the Central Government for the clearance; and

(b) the present status of each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK):

(a) and (b) Schemes/Projects submitted in the Annual Plans of the States are finalised in consultation with the State Governments during the Annual Plan discussions in the Planning Commission. The approval of Planning Commission is also required for Irrigation and Power projects from investment angle. No power generation projects recommended by Ministry of Power and no irrigation projects are pending clearance in the Planning Commission.

Eradication of Poverty

1371.SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN:Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken fresh initiatives for reorientation of Indian food security system towards elimination of hunger and its consequences ensuring significant change in percentage of population below poverty line;